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the hope,  
love, and joy  
in following  
Christ





# Trinity at a glance

To reflect God's love and grace by welcoming everyone, sharing our gifts, caring for those in need, and witnessing to Christ as our Savior.

—Trinity's Mission Statement

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## Sunday Worship



9:00 am Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship with Communion  
11:45 am Fellowship

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# The Beginning Is Near

Post-apocalyptic television shows, movies, graphic novels, books, and video games have been a popular genre over the past decade. Whether it is *The Hunger Games*, *The Walking Dead*, *World War Z*, the *Divergent* series and many other popular books, movies, shows and games they are full of apocalyptic and post-apocalyptic themes. There is an obsession with the world as we know it coming to an end with people on street corners holding up signs that say “THE END IS NEAR!” The zombies are coming for us! The earth is going to be destroyed by an asteroid, a comet, a volcano, dragons, aliens, or the end of the Mayan calendar!

The early church was waiting with hopeful anticipation of the imminent coming of Jesus to establish God’s Kingdom once and for all. The early church and its leaders were going through great persecutions and many of Paul’s letters offered encouragement to those being persecuted by the Roman Imperial order. The end was definitely near for those early Jesus followers. What they were marking

was the end of following the way of the Roman imperial order and the beginning of following the way of Jesus as they were being baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The beginning is near! The beginning that we hope for and trust in is the

one that Christ invites us into when we are called in our baptism. Our baptism marks a beginning of our following the way of Jesus. When we are confirmed or affirmed in our faith we mark a new beginning or a new understanding of our walk

of faith and following Jesus. Throughout our lives one chapter ends but that just means another one is beginning. To quote the Minneapolis-based band Semisonic, “Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end”.

This Fall we will be studying this theme in Paul’s second letter to the Thessalonians and the often misunderstood book of Revelation that is full of apocalyptic and post-apocalyptic images that continue to inspire our popular movies, television shows, books, and games today. The authors of these letters offered words of encouragement and hope to communities going through real persecution and struggle. God was calling them to something new just as God calls us to something new each day and each season of our lives.

At Trinity we invite you to join us in being made new in Christ and to discover the hope, love, and joy in following Christ. We invite you to share in the renewing of our baptismal calling in Christ to proclaim that the beginning is near!

–Pastor Scott



# ELCA Churchwide Assembly Key Actions

CHICAGO (Aug. 16, 2016) – Voting members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) approved a number of key actions during the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly held in New Orleans Aug. 8-13. The assembly is the highest legislative authority of the church.

The 945 voting members:

- Elected William B. Horne II of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Clearwater, Fla., vice president of the ELCA. Horne was installed during closing worship Aug. 13.
- Accepted "Declaration on the Way," a unique ecumenical document that marks a path toward greater unity between Catholics and Lutherans. At the heart of the document are 32 "Statements of Agreement" that state where Lutherans and Catholics do not have church-dividing differences on topics about church, ministry and the Eucharist. The document also presents the differences that remain.
- Approved AMMPARO – the ELCA's strategy to Accompany Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.
- Approved the Ministry of Word and Service roster. Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, ELCA associates in ministry, deaconesses and diaconal ministers will be a single, unified roster of Ministry of Word and Service. The accompanying constitutional amendments

related to the roster were also considered and approved by the assembly.

- Approved the 2017-2019 budget proposal. The budget includes a 2017 current fund spending authorization of \$65,296,005 and a 2017 ELCA World Hunger spending authorization of \$24.8 million; a 2018 current fund income proposal of \$64,057,220 and a 2018 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$25 million; a 2019 current fund income proposal of \$64,151,175 and a 2019 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$25 million; and authorizes the Church Council to establish a spending authorization after



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period review of revised income estimates.

- Approved various memorials – or proposals – from the ELCA's 65 synods.
- Elected members to serve on: Church Council, Portico Benefits Services, Mission Investment Fund, Augsburg Fortress, Committee on Appeals, Committee on Discipline and Nominating Committee.
- Adopted amendments to the ELCA Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions.

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than 3.7 million members in more than 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region.

# September 2016

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Reformation Sunday 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship						

# Strategic Planning

Everyone is invited to a day of planning for Trinity's ministry during the coming year and beyond.

**We need you, your input is essential!**

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 17, 10:00-2:30

**WHERE:** Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (370 Junipero)

Lunch will be provided.





# JULY 19, 2016

## Council Highlights

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1. Because of the rare absence of President Larry Rice, Vice President Trevor Wolter led the meeting. All other members were present. Hermine Burg and Cheyenne Williams attended as guests.
2. Pastor Scott and Pastor Kyle of The Gathering met with members of LSS July 14 to discuss the Saturday Outreach program activities and participation. This meeting preceded Trinity's evaluation/brainstorming session focusing on the needs and opportunities for outreach Saturday, July 23.
3. President Larry Rice submitted a written report entitled "President's Report (7/19/2016) Ethnic and Multicultural Ministries: Conversations across Cultures". His report documents happenings at a Synod gathering hosted by Bishop Erwin the preceding Sunday. The question posed was: How does our congregation reflect the diversity of the city in which we live?
4. Financial Secretary Marilyn Bohl presented Trinity's financial position at mid-year:  
  
2016 budget expense total: \$213,687.06;  
½ of that total: \$106,843;  
**Expense actuals 6/30/2016: \$95,992.10**  
2016 projected income: \$196,334.00 - reserves \$14,585.60 = \$181,748.40;  
½ of 2016 projected income: \$90,874.20;  
**Income actuals 6/30.2016: \$101,358.61 - \$7,308.25 = \$94,050.36**
5. Property rents are current for all but one of Trinity's apartments. The resident of that apartment has been notified officially that Trinity is proceeding with eviction procedures.
6. The Audit Committee of Joy Fritz, Cristina Santos, and Arline Walter completed its audit of Trinity's financial records and procedures Sunday, June 26, 2016, and has submitted its reports.
7. The ad hoc Personnel Committee has interviewed two candidates. After due consideration, the Committee recommends that Kathy Glendening be asked to assume the invoice/bill processing and church building use tasks currently handled by Business Manager Hermine Burg, at a commensurate increase in hours and hourly salary. Marilyn Bohl and Jan Laser will handle payroll. Other tasks will be handed off as Hermine chooses. Fenton Glendening was asked by Vice President Wolter to leave the room while Council voted on the Committee recommendation.

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Ms. Bohl further observed that the approx-

# Choir Resumes!

*O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

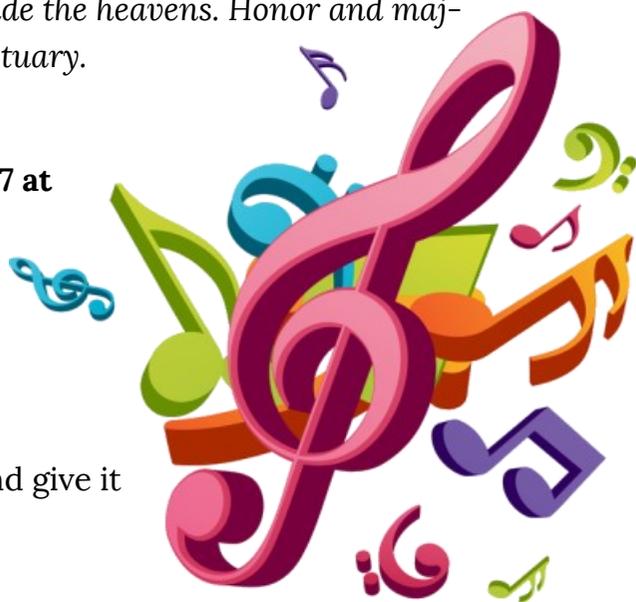
—Psalm 96:1-6

**Choir rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, September 7 at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

- New members are always welcome!
- No previous experience required

All that we ask is that you come as often as you can and give it your best when you're there.

For more information, please see Arline Walter.



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He did so. A motion was made by Jim Young, seconded by Jan Laser, and passed unanimously to authorize the Committee to proceed as proposed.

8. The strategic planning session is scheduled for Saturday, September 17. Pastor Scott, President Larry Rice, and Vice President Trevor Wolter will meet next Tuesday, July 26, to begin planning the agenda.
9. Council member and organist Trevor Wolter will present a proposal for renovation/repair work on Trinity's organ at a special meeting of the congregation this coming Sunday, July 24, as approved by Council at its June meeting.

10. A meeting was held Sunday, July 17, after church to discuss Trinity's computers and communications. Bob Pedder will install wiring so that the conference room computer can communicate via land line rather than wi fi. A new computer will be defined and priced for Kathy's office. A new networked file storage system will be priced and periodic backup procedures defined to be followed by Trinity computer users. Quick-books for use by office personnel will be priced. Pastor Scott and Roland Johnson will look into our communications agreement with Frontier. All action items will be pulled together by the next Property Committee meeting Sunday, August 9.

—Marilyn Bohl, Secretary



# AUGUST 16, 2016

## Council Highlights

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1. Pastor Scott reported that cooperation with other churches has been great, especially in Vacation Bible School (VBS). With respect to Saturday Outreach, Modesta Kardell has been assisting in worship service the first Saturday of the month and leading a prayer service on other Saturdays. Bob Pedder has been “picking up the slack” in providing lunches. The future is tied to Trinity’s Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled for Sept. 17.
2. Pastor has posted office hours of 10 – 3 Tuesday through Thursday, specifically for those who need appointments or pastoral care. He is often in the office other times, but does not want to schedule appointments then. He plans visitations for Fridays, but is available other times if needed.
3. The Executive Committee, in its personnel role, is targeting for reviews to be completed by Sept. 15 for all paid staff. The staff will be asked to assess their own performance as part of the reviews.
4. July Total Budget Receipts = \$15,274.96. Of these, \$817.50 was moved to Building Fund Reserve and \$287.00 was moved to Church Use Donation Reserve. Budget expenses were \$14,970.27, including only \$1,110 for Repairs, Equipment, and Replacement. These expenses have been running less than we might expect, but may be higher in the near future.
5. Jim Young, Kathy Glendening, and Roland Johnson are serving as the 2016 Nominating Committee. Three 3-year terms on Council must be filled.
6. The strategic planning session is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. Rev. Matt Keadle, Pastor at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, will lead the discussion. A light lunch will be served.
7. In keeping with the Council’s decisions of last month regarding the Business Manager position, the personnel committee has agreed with Office Secretary Kathy Glendening on a revised job definition that encompasses four more planned hours of work per week (9-3 rather than 9-2). Council approved a pay rate of \$15.00/hour be awarded for those four hours, leading to a salary increase of  $52 \times 4 \times 15$ , or \$3,120 per year. That increase will be spread over the 24 hours she will now work each week, yielding a rate of \$12.63/hr rather than the \$12.15/hr she earns now. This plan will become effective September 1, 2016, with an evaluation period of 90 days.
8. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will occur Tuesday, October 18, with Council members expected to attend the Strategic Planning meeting Sept. 17 and encouraged to attend the Greater Long Beach Fall Assembly, Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Christ Lutheran Church in Downey.

–Marilyn Bohl, Secretary

# Organ Console Restoration

Did you know that Trinity's pipe organ has over 1,600 individual pipes grouped into 28 different sets? This is a fantastic blessing for our congregation that is a cornerstone of our tradition of fine music.

The system required to control 1,600 pipes is rather complicated. Our organ console, which is the most visible part of the control system, dates to 1971 and was not touched by the most recent organ repair projects. Due to its age, the console and related control system needs significant repair.

During a special voters meeting that was held on Sunday, July 24, the voting assembly approved a measure to begin a fundraising campaign to cover the cost of repairs estimated at approximately \$35,000. Multiple sources of funding are being sought including, existing monies, grants, and contributions from members and the community.

Please consider how you can contribute to our organ console restoration project. Your financial generosity will ensure that parishioners and the community alike will be able to enjoy the finest organ music for many years to come. You may place your donation in the Sunday Offering or mail it to the church to the attention of the Financial Secretary, Marilyn Bohl. Please note "Organ Fund" on the memo line.

As a token of gratitude for your charitable giving, an assortment of thank you gifts have been planned.

1. For gifts of \$100 or more, the donor will receive a digital recording of a hymn festival to be held after project completion;
2. \$250 or more, donors will be able to select a favorite hymn to be included in the hymn festival;
3. \$500 or more, donors will receive a full color commemorative book about the organ as well as an invitation to the organ dedication recital dress rehearsal prior to the organ's public debut;
4. \$1,000 or more, an invitation to a private dinner reception following the hymn festival;
5. \$2,500 or more, a song will be written by Trinity's organist on the Biblical theme or text of the donor's choice;
6. \$5,000 or more, a year of piano (or organ) lessons (36 lessons total) with Trinity's organist.

## Reformation Sunday

Reformation will be observed this year on **Sunday, October 30**. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors as we celebrate 499 years of Gospel purity, “Justification by Faith.”

**Worship at 10:30 AM**

**Fellowship at 11:45 AM**

